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1. Prior to 10 October 1950 the Roty Mazdar Inf Bn,   in As (M 51/P 18) was subordinate to a division which was located in Karlovy Vary (M 51/P 69) and which was commanded by General Rytir, (fnu), who had been promoted to the rank of general on 1 October 1950. (1) 25X1
2. The battalion headquarters with the headquarters company, S, C and T Cos (Inf), the technical company, the mortar company, the heavy weapons company and the AT gun company were located in As; the submachine gun company in Novy Zdar (M 51/P 18); the heavy machine gun company in Sokolov (M 51/P 58); and the replacement company in Bochoy. The heavy machine gun company was stationed in Novy Zdar until late September 1950.
3. Major Okrouhly, (fnu), succeeded Staff Captain Lexa, (fnu), as commanding officer in As. Staff Captain Cumplo, (fnu), was deputy commander and Captain Kostroun, (fnu), political officer.
4. About 70 percent of the battalion were Slovaks and 30 percent Czechs. The battalion numbered about 1,250 soldiers, including about 700 newly arrived recruits. (2)
5. Before the arrival of recruits, the heavy weapons company and the AT gun battery had been combined as a heavy weapons company which numbered about 140 M and which was equipped with four small 45-mm guns and six 76.2-mm AT guns.
7. In September 1950   a Soviet officer was attached to the infantry unit in Chob (M 51/P 37). (3) 25X1
8. The SMB unit in Krasna (Schoenbach, M 51/P 19) numbered about 80 men and was quartered in a former boarding school. (4)

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25X1 (1)   the 46th Inf Bn in As, which is subordinate to the 13th Inf Brig in Karlovy Vary.  . There has been no definite proof that the 13th Inf Brig was reorganized into the 13th Inf Div. On the contrary, the unit is considered to be a brigade, since its organic components are battalions and not infantry regiments, which usually make up an infantry division. 25X1

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The term division is apparently still used among the soldiers because the 13th Brig had been a division in 1948. In September 1950 General Rytir had been a colonel and deputy commander of the 13th Brig.

- (2) This report confirms for the first time the induction of recruits in the fall of 1950. Available records indicated that the 1928 class was due for induction after the discharge of the 1926 class. In accordance with the procedure followed in previous years, a small contingent of the 1929 class was also inducted in the fall of 1950. No reliable reports are available yet on any amendment of the military service law which may have lengthened the two-year service term to three years.
- (3) The information confirms several reports on increased Soviet influence upon the training of recruits. [REDACTED]
- (4) A platoon of the SMD company, [REDACTED] in 4s.

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